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TIRAU PRIMARY SCHOOL

Te Kura o Tirau

“What ever is worth doing, is worth doing well.”

Thursday 24th March - Week 8 Term 1 2016

Important Dates:

25th – 29th March Easter Holiday

30th March – 1st March – Life Education

3rd April – Top Schools Games @ Te Kowhai

7th April – Ruma Pukeko and Kereru trip to the Waikato Museum

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena koutou i te whanau

Tenei he panui kia koutou

Nau Mai, Haere Mai!

LEARNING AT TIRAU SCHOOL

If you have visited the School Office recently you may have noticed our School Charter, which is on display in the foyer. Our Charter outlines our plans for the School for 2015 and beyond. One of the key areas of the Charter are Student Achievement Targets for 2016 and our National Standards data from 2015. As a school we work to meet the individual learning needs of all our students. The Charter also includes our Annual Plan, which outlines our priorities for 2016 for our school across a range of areas. This comes from our Strategic Plan that was developed to cover the 3 years from 2016 to 2018 and incorporates the priorities identified in the community survey in 2015. Please come in and check out what we are doing.

INTER SCHOOL SWIMMING RESULTS

Last Friday at assembly our swimmers who represented Tirau Primary School at the Interschool Swimming Sports and achieved placings in finals were presented with their certificates.

Congratulations to:

Maiinga	2 nd 9 yr old girls Freestyle	3 rd 9 yr old girls Backstroke	2 nd 9 yr old 2 length Medley
	3 rd 9 yr old girls 3 length Medley		
Aaron F	3 rd 8 yr old boys Freestyle	Logan Putt	2 nd 7 yr old boys Backstroke
Toby	3 rd 9 yr old boys Freestyle	1 st 9 yr old boys Breaststroke	3 rd 10 yr old boys 2 length Medley
Jack M	2 nd 10 yr old boys Freestyle	2 nd 10 yr old boys Backstroke	3 rd 10 yr old boys Breaststroke
	2 nd Open Boys 4 lengths Freestyle	2 nd 10 yr old boys 2 length Medley	2 nd 10 yr old boys 3 length Medley

Open Boys Relay Team – 3rd

All of our swimmers competed admirably and all of them reached the finals in many of their events. Thank you to all of the parents who supported this event. It is fantastic to see our Tirau LEARNerS experiencing Success.

PTA FUNDRAISER - ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Accompanying today's newsletter is a flyer about the entertainment books we are selling as a PTA fundraiser – the books are \$60 each and include hundreds of dollars worth of savings at places such as The Loose Goose, Enchanted Café, and Poppys here in Tirau. There are also a large number of places in Matamata, Rotorua, Cambridge and further afield. For every book sold the PTA will make \$12, which can be put towards the worthwhile resources that the PTA provide our school. Orders can be made online or through the school office and if you would like to review the book there will be a copy available in the school office from next term. The first 10 orders will also receive bonus vouchers.

LIFE EDUCATION CARAVAN VISIT.

Next week Meredith, Harold and the Life Education Van are visiting us at school. This gives the children an opportunity to learn about a range of topics in an engaging and interactive way.

Ruma Tui are looking at being Happy and Healthy and dealing with our emotions.

Ruma Kiwi are looking at being Happy and Healthy

Ruma Kakapo are looking at dealing with our emotions and what it means to be an upstander.

Ruma Pukeko are learning about what living things need to live and what our body needs to stay happy and healthy

Ruma Kereru are learning about learning about Positive Conflict Resolution with the view to helping make conflicts smaller rather than bigger and being a good leader.

The Life Education programme costs the school \$6 per child which we pay for out of consumables. If you haven't paid your child's consumables the cost for Life Education will be added to your school account. Please contact the office if you have any questions about this. Consumables can be paid online to our school bank account 12-3438-0016342-00. Please use your child's name and the fee being paid as reference.

MĀORI WHĀNAU HUI

On Tuesday 5th April we will be holding our first whānau hui for 2015 in the Learning Centre. We would like to take the opportunity to consult with our Māori community about how we can best meet the needs of their children, especially in relation to Literacy and Numeracy. An invitation letter will be coming home today. Please contact me if you have any further questions

RUMA KIWI TERM 2 2016

We are very excited to be welcoming Miss Kelly Mason back to Tirau Primary from Maternity Leave next term. Miss Mason will be team teaching with Mrs Edmeades in Ruma Kiwi. Mrs Edmeades will continue to be the main teacher responsible for the learners in Ruma Kiwi and she will teach Monday to Wednesday, Miss Mason will teach Thursday and Friday. The team-teaching allows the learners to have the benefit of 2 expert junior teachers with a variety of complementary strengths and skills that will enhance the learning in Ruma Kiwi.

PTA NEWS

Thank you to all of our families who supported the PTA Disco on March 16th. As a result the PTA raised \$345 which is going towards our new playground.

The Easter Raffle has been drawn today and the winners are as follows:

1st Mrs Sheryl Humphries

2nd Mrs Christine Lambert

3rd Mrs Carol Crocker

Elisabeth in Ruma Kakapo received a \$20 voucher for selling the most tickets.

The PTA would like to thank all the families and members of our school community who have donated items for the raffle prizes and Momona Farms and the Bailey Family for the meat prize donation

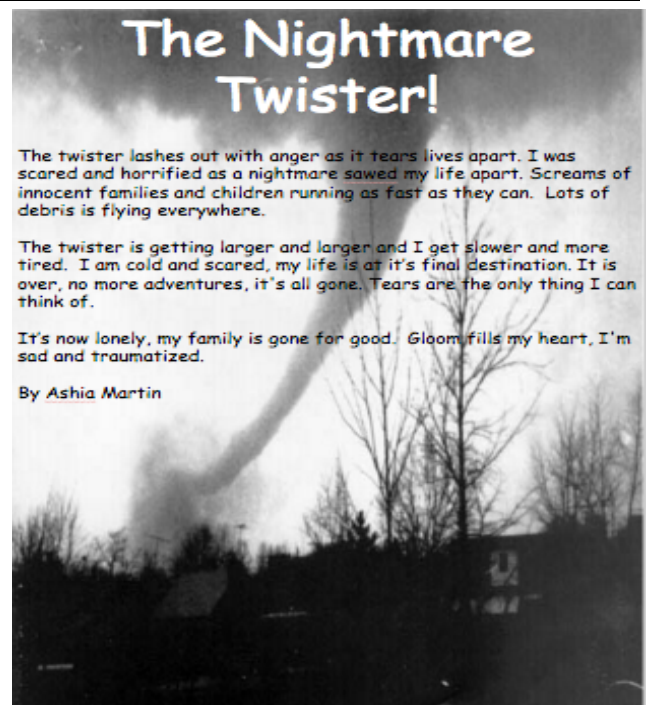
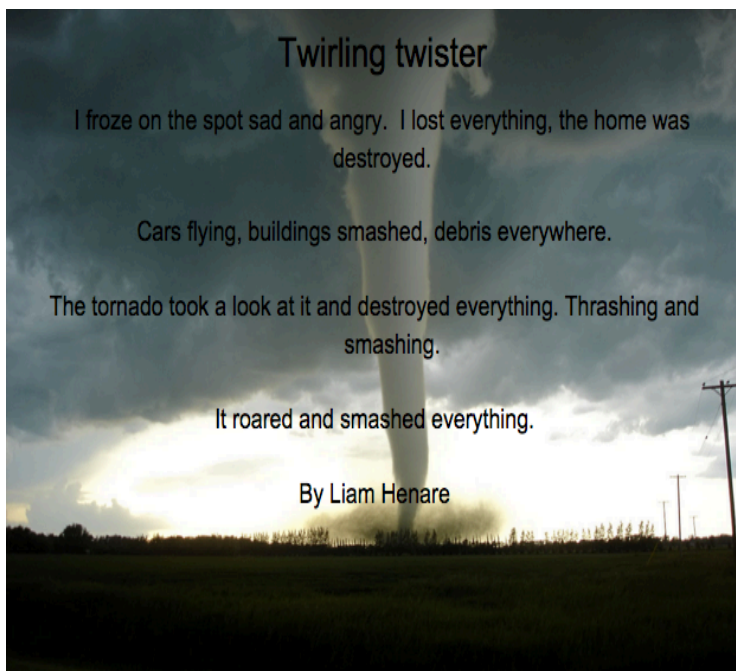
VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 18th March 2016

Ruma Tui	Phoenix	Developing positive relationships with the students in Ruma Tui.	Leroy	for always displaying an awesome Tirau LEARNer attitude towards everything you do.
Ruma Kiwi	Liam P	For being a respectful member of Ruma Kiwi. You have been working very hard in class.	Lila	For your perseverance and hardwork during the school tryathlon
Ruma Kākāpō	Natalia	For showing a real love for learning. Keep it up – this is the first step to success.	Fahmi	For being actively involved in all areas of school life. Keep up the great work.
Ruma Pukeko	Te Aorangi	For being actively involved during Maths and applying himself. Keep it up	Jessica M	For Your can-do attitude towards the Tryathlon. Awesome effort!
Ruma Keruru	Breeahn	Being organise and trying hard in her reading. Keep up the amazing work	LJ	For being actively involved in our school tryathlon and giving it your best effort. Well done!
Ruru Award: Tom J – Showing our Tirau LEARNer value of Activley Involved as he challenged himself during our Tryathlon.				

CRICKET SUCCESS

Well done to the Tirau Lightning Year 5 & 6 cricket team who placed 3rd in the Putaruru competition that has been running this term. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Lionel Haddock who coached this team and all the parents who supported the players.

WRITING FROM RUMA KERERU



If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further please do not hesitate to contact me. principal@tirau.school.nz, or through the school office.

No reira ma te manaakitanga

Kia tou, ki runga, kia koutou katoa

Siobhan Patterson

Principal